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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 1975 (SALT TWO-792)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING SEMENOV, ADDRESSING ARTICLE I, CONCLUDED THAT SINCE BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREE IN PRINCIPLE ON BANNING CERTAIN ARMS IN ARTICLE X THERE IS NOW NO OBSTACLE TO REMOVING THE BRACKETS FROM THAT ARTICLE. US STATEMENT EXPLAINED RATIONALE FOR INCLUDING BOTH LAUNCHERS AND MISSILES IN ARMS TO BE BANNED UNDER ARTICLE X AS WELL AS PROPOSAL TO COVER FOBS BY REFERENCE TO SYSTEMS.

2. IN BILATERAL CONVERSATION SEMENOV DELIVERED HOMILY ON NOGOTIATING APPROACHES AND COMPLAINED US APPEARS TO ZIG-ZAG BY WANTING TO REEXAMINE AGREED LANGUAGE. (HE HAD IN MIND DRAFTING GROUP CONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE IV PARAGRAPH 7 ON EXCESS MISSILES). I SAID WE HAD IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS IN OFFERING THEIR REVISIONS WERE SEEKING TO MAKE KEY ELEMENT OF THE US POSITION DISAPPEAR. SINCE WE BELIEVED ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS SHOULD BE CLARIFIED DURING THE ACTUAL DRAFTING OF THE NEW AGREEMENT RATHER THAN LATER, WE CONSIDERED REVISIONS WHICH HAD EFFECT ON AGREED LANGUAGE DESERVED TO BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED. NEXT

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